

August 25, 2016
Sheridan, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Thursday, August 25, 2016, in the multi-purpose room at Sheridan Grade School. The following members were present: Don McNelis, Susan McNelis, David Myer, Renee Thompson, Lesley LaRock, and Neal Rosengren. Superintendent Marty Felesena and Principals Steve Hanson, Aaron Rios, Joe Landers and Randy Goodbred were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Rosengren at 6:18 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Myer and seconded by Thompson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective bargaining, safety, student placement, and financial practices.

It was moved by Susan McNelis and seconded by Don McNelis to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m. On roll call, those present voted "aye" Motion carried.

It was moved by Myer and seconded by Susan McNelis to enter into the Driver's Education Fee Hearing. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion Carried.

Supt. Felesena stated that due to a state law change, a public hearing must be held to charge more than the statutory \$50 for driver's education. Serena High School currently charges \$170. President Rosengren said that driver's education is an important resource. The District charge of \$170 is half of what private driving schools in the area charge. Supt. Felesena said that they are looking into a curriculum that would add driver's education to freshmen who are old enough second semester. President Rosengren asked for public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Susan McNelis and seconded by Thompson to close the Driver's Education Fee Hearing and enter into regular session. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested approval of the agenda. Myer made a motion to remove item F from XV Action Items. Motion was seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Visitors were Amber Grenda, Lib Whiteaker, Jordan Timm and parents Bob and Julie Timm, Maxine Green and mom Marci Green, and Kiley Decker.

President Rosengren gave opportunity for public comment. Jordan Timm, Maxine Green and Kiley Decker addressed the board about graduating early in December 2016. They each talked about their qualifications, accomplishments and goals once they graduate from high school. They would like to stay involved with dances, band and prom. They would like to walk with their class in May also. Supt. Felesena told them the board would discuss it and let them know as soon as possible.

There was no correspondence.

Motion was made by Don McNelis and seconded by Thompson to approve Consent Agenda Items XII A thru H. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports –

Enrollment as of August 19th was 440 students in the elementary schools and 217 in the high school for a District total of 657.

Academic Goals Committee Report – Susan McNelis reported that the new math curriculum has been rolled out and the junior high is starting a new science curriculum.

Policy committee – President Rosengren said board policies will have a first reading tonight. Supt. Felesena does not recommend policy 2.710 at this time.

Principals Report –

Principal Hanson said that high school sports have started. There are volleyball and soccer tournaments this Saturday. There are 6 new teachers in the high school. Golf started last night in Earlville. IHSA approval came through in time. The Husker Hustle is Sunday, Sept. 11th. The high school will run a 2:01 schedule the week of homecoming and have activities in the gym at the end of each day. The Mr. & Miss Husker contest will be Friday night. The parade will be held on Saturday morning. It has not been decided if it is in Serena or Sheridan. Volleyball will have a home match Tuesday night. After the boys' soccer game in Earlville on Wednesday, powderpuff soccer will play at Wedron under the lights.

Principal Goodbred thanked Jean McNelis and PTO for the meeting treats. He read a list of the new school representatives. The lights in the gym are fixed. There will be a volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday in the gym. The 8th grade canoe trip will take place the third week of September with Bill Harris.

Principal Landers thanked the teachers and staff for making unpack the backpack night a success. The one to one rollout for third grade was successful. All 3rd graders showed up to get their Chromebooks. Girls' volleyball is underway. He thanked Jenna Keigley for holding open gyms over the summer. Harding PTO is hosting the 4th Annual Car Cruise on Sunday, September 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Principal Rios reported that Unit 2 soccer is currently 2 and 0. He said there is a good mix of Serena, Harding and Sheridan students. Volleyball has started. The first PTO meeting will be Monday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m. They are looking at doing an anti-bullying assembly with the other grade school PTOs.

Superintendent Felesena – The high school parking lot is painted and the spaces are numbered. He sent out information about employee purchase of Dell computers. They can be purchased interest free and can be deducted from their checks. He said there is a preliminary budget that will be discussed at the Budget Hearing Meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion/Informational Items –

A) IASB Dinner Meeting – Supt. Felesena asked who will attend. Lesley LaRock, Don McNelis, Renee Thompson, and President Rosengren will go. Supt. Felesena can drive the suburban if anyone needs a ride.

B) The 2016-17 calendar will be voted on tonight.

C) School Board Convention – Board members need to let Supt. Felesena know if they are going. President Rosengren, Don McNelis and Renee Thompson will attend.

D) Drivers Ed Fees – the board recommended to keep charging \$170 for driver's education

Action Items –

Motion to approve the resignation of Chris Gunier as SHS Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, effective August 17, 2016 was made by Myer, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Mandy Shelton as special education aide for the District, effective August 26, 2016, was made by Don McNelis and seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Gena Hebert as a reading aide for the District, effective August 26, 2016, was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Terry Ginger as a Bus Route Driver, effective August 26, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jane Weber as School Play Director for the 2016-17 School Year was made by LaRock, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Jim Yobst as the high school Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 was made by Don McNelis, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to employ Marilyn Yordy as the School Nurse for the District at \$30 per hour plus IRS mileage was made by Thompson, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve mentors for the 2016-17 school year (Aubrey Mikos, Jennifer Hoppis, Jeremy Jenkins, Julie Brown, Dave Hughes and Christine McMahon) was made by LaRock, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve contracts for Chad Mahler-FFA Sponsor, Andy Allen-Technology Director, and Geoff Pierce-Transportation Director was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve contracts for Joe Landers-Principal, Randy Goodbred-Principal, Aaron Rios-Principal, and Steve Hanson-Principal was made by Don McNelis, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve FMLA leave for Lee McLennan from September 1st through December 2, 2016 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve FMLA leave for Amber Grenda from November 23, 2016 through March 7, 2017 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the driver's education fee of \$170 was made by Myer, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2017 Board of Education calendar, as presented, was made by Myer, seconded by LaRock. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve and publicly display the Administrative Compensation Report for FY16 was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Don McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Board policies 2:70, 2:120, 2:240, 6:100, 7:270, 8:90, and 8:110 for a first reading was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Myer. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.


Motion to approve the tentative budget and hold a public hearing on September 22, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. at Harding Grade School was made by Susan McNelis, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President Rosengren requested further public comment. There was none.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 9:25 p.m. was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Thompson, seconded by Susan McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 p.m. was made by Myer, seconded by Thompson. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Neal Rosengren, President



Renee Thompson, Secretary